



Iowa Department of Human Services

Terry E. Branstad
Governor

Kim Reynolds
Lt. Governor

Charles M. Palmer
Director

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1559

DATE: October 12, 2015

TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Dentists, Certified Nurse Midwives, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Rural Health Clinics (RHC), Hospitals, Podiatrists, Optometrists and PACE Providers

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released a final rule change that impacts the guidelines by which providers attest to receive EHR Incentives for 2015. Additional information on the rule changes can be found on the [CMS webpage](#)¹.

The IME is making system modifications to comply with the new federal guidelines prior to accepting the remainder of the 2015 attestations. The IME will not be accepting any 2015 attestations until further notice. It is anticipated that the IME will begin accepting attestations under the new finalized guidelines after January 1, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive program, please call 515-974-3205 or 515-974-3161 or by email at imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html>